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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks
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Sir:

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §1.56, §§1.97-1.98,

Applicant hereby calls the following documents to the Examiner's attention:

Japanese Unexamined Patent Publication No. 6-203940, published on July 22, 1994,
together with an English language Abstract of the same; and

Japanese Unexamined Patent Publication No. 7-169544, published on July 4, 1995,
together with an English language Abstract of the same.

Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner consider the above materials and
cite the patent documents. Copies of the above-noted documents are attached and have been
listed on a PTO-1449 Form which is also attached hereto. Accordingly, the Examiner is
requested to initial the appropriate spaces on the attached PTO-1449 Form and to return a

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copy of the Form to the Applicant with the next official communication in the present application to confirm consideration of these documents.

Applicant also brings to the Examiner's attention the following copending and commonly assigned patent applications:

U.S. Patent Application No. 10/187,992 to MAEGAWA, entitled "Cable Reel", filed on July 3, 2002; and

U.S. Patent Application No. 10/190,532 to MAEGAWA, entitled "Cable Reel", filed on July 9, 2002.

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.98(a)(2)(iii), copies of the above-mentioned applications are attached hereto. However, the Examiner is also requested to review the file wrapper of this U.S. patent applications at the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office and the references of record, if any, cited therein.

Should the Examiner have any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number.

Respectfully submitted,
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